

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
61288, Houston TX 77208**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box**  
**(Houston Division)**

## PROOF OF CLAIM

Name of Debtors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation		Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	Creditor ID#: 788-60593
*place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against			
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):  The Beloit Daily Call & Post	Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.		United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas FILED  JUL 10 2000  Michael N. Milby, Clerk
Name and address where notices should be sent:  *****AUTO**ALL FOR AADC 670 The Beloit Daily Call & Post PO Box 366 Beloit KS 67420-0366  	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case		
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:		Check here _____ replaces if this claim _____ amends a previously filed claim, dated: _____	
1. Basis for Claim ____ Goods sold ____ Services performed ____ Money loaned ____ Personal injury/wrongful death ____ Taxes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Advertising		Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#: _____ - _____ - ____ Unpaid compensation for services performed from _____ (date) to _____ (date)	
2. Date debt was incurred:		3. If court judgment, date obtained:	
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ 712.00 If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.			
5. Secured Claim. ____ Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff).  Brief Description of Collateral: ____ Real Estate    ____ Motor Vehicle ____ Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate  Value of Collateral: \$ _____  Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$ _____		6. Unsecured Priority Claim. ____ Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ _____ Specify the priority of the claim: ____ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300)* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) ____ Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). ____ Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). ____ Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). ____ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). ____ Other – Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)-_____. *Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.	
7. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.		This Space Is for Court Use Only	
8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.			
9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.			
Date 6-30-00	Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any): Paula Hill Paula Hill Business Manager		
Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.			

Jul 5, 2000

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**Beloit Call**  
**Accounts Receivable Detail Report**  
Customer IDs STAGE to STAGE  
All Current Transactions

Transaction	Txn Date	Description / Dist	Amount	Original Balance	Current Balance
STAGE	Stage Stores, Inc				
4328	02/16/00	Presidents Sale		93.30	20.34
4270	02/22/00	inserts		137.50	137.50
5856	05/12/00	1/2 PAGE AD		187.44	187.44
5911	05/17/00	INSERTS		137.50	137.50
6323	06/07/00	INSERTS		124.00	124.00
6450	06/14/00	JUNE SALE		93.30	93.30
Customer Total				773.04	700.08
Plus Finance Charges					11.98
Net Balance Due					712.06
Report Total				773.04	700.08
Plus Finance Charges					11.98
Net Balance Due					712.06



## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Southern District of Texas

## Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines

A chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning each of the debtor corporations listed below was filed on June 1, 2000

You may be a creditor of one or more of the debtor(s). **This notice lists important deadlines.** You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the cases may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below.

NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

### See Reverse Side For Important Explanations.

Debtor (name(s), case numbers and address):  Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corp.; Case No. 00-35078-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corp.; Case No. 00-35079-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Dallas corp.; Case No. 00-35080-H2-11 10210 Main Street Houston, TX 77025-5229 <b>Toll Free Number: 1-800-804-2013 (for case information)</b>	Jointly Administered Under Case Number 00-35078-H2-11  Taxpayer ID Nos:  76-0407711 (Stage Stores, Inc.) 74-0821900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc.) 91-1826900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV))
Attorney for Debtors (name and address):  Andrew E. Jillson, Esq. Lynnette R. Warman, Esq. Jenkins & Gilchrist, a Professional corporation 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200 Dallas, TX 75202-2799	Attorneys for Debtors Telephone Number:  Toll Free 1-877-559-9672  <b>Information may also be obtained from the following website:</b> Website address: <a href="http://www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com">www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com</a>

### Meeting of Creditors

Date: 7 / 11 / 00	Time: 2:00 ( ) A.M. ( X ) P.M.	Location: U.S. Courthouse Jury Assembly Room 515 Rusk, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Houston, Texas 77002
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### Deadlines to File a Proof of Claim

Proofs of Claim must be *received* by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

For all creditors (except a governmental unit): 10/9/00	For a governmental unit: 11/28/00
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**Mail claim to: U.S. Bankruptcy Court**  
**P.O. Box 61288**  
**Houston, TX 77208**

### Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:

The filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. ~~If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.~~

#### Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office:

515 Rusk Avenue  
 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 Houston, Texas 77002  
 Telephone number: 713/250-5115

#### For the Court:

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:

Michael N. Milby, Clerk

Hours Open: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Date: